

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 22, 28 and 29 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks included herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

By this amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to more appropriately recite the present invention. These amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 22, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Sobeski et al.* (USP 6,819,343); rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Reha et al.* (USP 6,282,709); rejected claims 11, 17, 21, 23, and 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Reha et al.* and further in view of *Shima et al.* (USP 6,295,479); rejected claim 3 under U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Manolis et al.* (USP 6,583,799); rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Reha et al.*, *Shima et al.* and further in view of *Brennan et al.* (USP 2002/0077829) and *Manolis et al.*; rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Reha et al.*, *Shima et al.* and further in view of *Manolis et al.*; rejected claims 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Brennan et al.*; rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Brennan et al.*, and further in view of *Reha et al.*; and rejected claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Sobeski et al.* in view of *Reha et al.*, *Shima et al.*, and further in view of *Brennan et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Prior Art Rejections

In support of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1, the Examiner asserts that *Sobeski et al.* discloses all of the claim elements citing to col. 5, lines 36 through col. 6, line 18 and col. 10, lines 13-25.

The disclosure of *Sobeski et al.* is directed to dynamic controls for use in computing applications. At col. 5, lines 36-49, *Sobeski et al.* discloses:

Unlike traditional toolbars, however, this newly added toolbar does not receive its parameters that define its content, look, feel, and function from the Web browser computing application itself, but rather from a cooperating server computer. These parameters are hosted on the server computer and may be accessed through a communications network. An operator may update these parameters to reflect a change in their content preference. Accordingly, upon use, the toolbar is updated with buttons to reflect controls to access this newly desired content. The parameters for the toolbar may be conveyed to the computing application through a messaging scheme that offers flexibility in the definition of the functions and appearance of the toolbar (i.e. the schema of the toolbar).

As can be seen from the above disclosure, *Sobeski et al.* discloses that the operator may update parameters to reflect changes of their content preferences.

In contrast, the present invention as set forth in claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a client/server system comprising a plurality of computers connected to a network, wherein a server on the network stores button information which is data on menu buttons operating in connection with a client application introduced into a client computer, wherein the server generates customized updated button information, and wherein the server has a function of transmitting the customized updated button information to the client computer.

It is respectfully submitted that *Sobeski et al.* fails to teach or suggest a server storing button information and the server generating customized updated button information, as claimed.

As *Sobeski et al.* fails to teach or suggest all of the claim elements, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by *Sobeski et al.*

Further, none of the other references cited by the Examiner cure the deficiencies of the teachings of *Sobeski et al.* As such, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-21 and 26 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based on their dependency on claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claims 22, 28 and 29 include elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus these claims, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

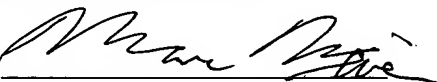
Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet, Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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